

Main Street Maryland – Reisterstown Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crab House & Grille – 509 Main Street, Monday -November 26, 2012

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Glenn Barnes, Calvin Reter, Paul Davalos, Dan Carey, Lorena DeLeon, Christy Tasker, Kathy Gambrill, Irwin Kramer, Charles Brittain and Barry Willen

Amy Mantay is trying to arrange for Amy Seitz, Main Street Maryland State Director to meet with us.

Amy is working on updating the County website with information about Reisterstown before the next meeting.

Still working on compiling the list of businesses on Main Street.

Amy mentioned the approved application for the town of Berlin, MD that was emailed to us.

Do we want to add the lunch & learn events that are held at the Hannah More Senior Center to the calendar? Did not hear anyone say to add it to our list.

Glenn mentioned getting our events in State and County publications, magazines and online that are printed annually, quarterly and monthly. The Office of Tourism in Baltimore, the State Office of Economic Development and the County have deadlines we have to meet in order to get our information published. Will the County take care of this or will our committee forward the information? Amy will check on this for us.

The maps that Amy delivered to us at our November 19th meeting were discussed and Mary and Kathy were to meet to review them.

Calvin mentioned the 100th Anniversary of the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Co. in June, 2013

Calvin has a list of 244 businesses he tried to sell ads to for the Anniversary Magazine.

Patrick McDougall with Rec & Parks was invited by Amy to appear at one of our future meetings.

Amy passed out a 2 page information piece from the County Office of Planning that discusses Commercial Revitalization Programs for Properties in Commercial Revitalization Districts.

Laurie Hay is the Commercial Revitalization Coordinator and Amy Mantay is the Western Sector Coordinator. Amy will ask Laurie to attend one of our future meetings.

Tony Baysmore, Special Assistant to the County Executive, complimented Amy Mantay and discussed her experience and said the Main Street Program is fortunate to have her working with us. He also said the County Executive was giving his attention to this Main Street Program and interested in it's progress.

Amy discussed the possibility of obtaining Testimonials from Main Street business people who have used the County Financial Programs.

Preparing "Welcome Packages" to give to new businesses was discussed by Lorena.

Amy is meeting with the Communications Department for Baltimore County. There will be an official Press Release coming soon from Fronda Cohen to be distributed to various publications concerning the Main Street Reisterstown Program. Glenn mentioned sending to the Baltimore Business Journal (BBJ), The Daily Record, Baltimore Sun, The Patch, Community Times, etc.

The Stakeholders List that was handed out at last week's meeting needs additional information. Amy said the information on this list should not be delivered to everybody. We need to limit its distribution.

We need to work on our Outreach and not wait for people to come to us.

Amy checked on Glenn's question about reducing the distance between neighborhood liquor establishments and churches. Currently alcohol sales in establishments must be at least 300 feet from a church. Andrea Van Arsdale has discussed this with County Officials and Amy is meeting with a member of the County Liquor Board. BYOB in establishments was also discussed. Several members discussed possibly approaching the local churches on Main Street about this subject to see how they feel.

The Overlay for the Historic District that has been discussed for a few years was mentioned. Most of our issues are with building codes and not zoning matters. Ingress and Egress from a State Road is still an issue and discussions with SHA people have taken place. We would like to have a streamlined process set up to speed the process for anyone planning to open a new commercial business on Main Street needing permits. We discussed having a Design Committee that would review plans. Glenn asked if someone can add on to a Historic Building and build to code as a way of opening the type of business they want. The front part would have to be used for its current use or whatever zoning permits.

The next meeting is Monday, December 3, 2012 at 10 AM at Reter's Crab House & Grille.